

INFANTRY MORTARMAN COURSE PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION

SECTION III - SCOPE OF ANNEXES

A. M16A2 SERVICE RIFLE. This annex is designed to reinforce and assess the weapons handling skills learned in recruit training. The Marine also performs a field expedient zero of their assigned M16A2 service rifle.

B. M249 SQUAD AUTOMATIC WEAPON. The intent of this annex is to familiarize each Marine in the handling, maintenance, and firing of the M249 squad automatic weapon. The Marine fires a modified transition course of fire for familiarization with the weapon.

C. M203 GRENADE LAUNCHER. The purpose of this annex is to familiarize each Marine in the handling, maintenance, and firing of the M203 grenade launcher. The Marine fires the M203 grenade launcher using the leaf sight.

D. MUNITIONS. The intent of this annex is to provide the Marine with experience in the munitions commonly used by an infantry rifle squad. The Marine engages targets with grenades, engages targets with the M287 Bullet Tracer Trainer Device, emplaces and recovers an M18A1 claymore mine, and detects mines and boobytraps.

E. LAND NAVIGATION. The purpose of this annex is to initiate the development of the land navigation skills essential to all infantry Marines. The Marine calibrates a compass, navigates a three point course with a compass, performs topographic map reading, navigates a five point course with map and compass, and learns techniques for determining location.

F. COMBAT CONDITIONING. The intent of this annex is to enhance the level of combat conditioning and martial arts training initiated in Recruit Training.

G. COMMUNICATIONS. The purpose of this annex is to develop basic skills in the set up, operation, and maintenance of squad level communications assets. The Marine communicates a message using prowords with field phones and an AN/PRC-119 SINCGARS field radio.

H. NUCLEAR, BIOLOGICAL, AND CHEMICAL PROTECTION MEASURES. The purpose of this annex is to initiate the Marine in the skills necessary to survive a nuclear, biological, or chemical attack. The Marine develops knowledge and skills in the use of personal protective equipment, NBC detection measures, decontamination, and the treatment of self or a chemical agent casualty.

I. OFFENSE. The purpose of this annex is to provide Marines with the skills required to effectively move, shoot, and communicate as a member of a fireteam. The Marine develops an understanding of the three phases of offensive combat and executes a squad attack through the objective to include consolidation and reorganization.

J. DEFENSE. The intent of this annex is to develop the skills required to repel the enemy by fire. The Marine prepares a fighting position and engages the enemy upon command.

K. SCOUTING AND PATROLLING. The purpose of this annex is to develop the skills necessary to perform as a member of a combat patrol. The Marine prepares for a patrol, performs assigned duties in the execution of a security patrol, and reports information.

L. MILITARY OPERATIONS ON URBAN TERRAIN. The intent of this annex is to familiarize the Marine with the unique challenges posed by operating on urban terrain. The Marine performs individual movement techniques on urban terrain.

M. M224 60MM MORTAR. The purpose of this annex is to provide a Marine with the skills required to maintain, set up, and operate a M224 60mm mortar. The Marine performs operator maintenance for the mortar, lays the mortar, mounts the mortar, performs prefire safety checks, performs deflection and elevation changes, refers the sight and realign the aiming posts, performs misfire procedures, and fires the mortar in

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conventional and hand-held modes.

N. M252 81MM MORTAR. The purpose of this annex is to provide a Marine with the skills required to maintain, set up, and operate a M252 81mm mortar. The Marine performs operator maintenance for the mortar, lays the mortar, mounts the mortar, performs prefire safety checks, performs deflection and elevation changes, refers the sight and realign the aiming posts, performs misfire procedures, and fires the mortar using the traverse and search method.

O. BATTLE SKILLS ASSESSMENT EXERCISE. This annex serves as the culminating event for the course and is designed to provide the Marine an opportunity to utilize their individual skills in the execution of supervised mortar fire missions similar to those they will perform in the Operating Forces. Marines work together as a mortar section to set up and displace mortars, and to conduct basic mortar gun line operations. The exercise is used by the training unit staff as a tool to assess the immediate effectiveness of the program of instruction.

Z. ADMINISTRATION. This annex contains an accounting of the administrative time required in the conduct of the program of instruction.